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ICE DEPORTS CITIZEN OF INDIA WHO SEXUALLY ABUSED DISABLED VICTIM

CHICAGO—A 26-year-old Indian national who broke into a physically disabled woman's home and sexually abused her in 2001 was deported today by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Ankil Chandrakant Bhavsar was turned over to ICE Dec. 23 upon his release from prison and remained in federal custody until this morning when he was deported to India under the escort of two government officials.

On Dec. 2, 2001, Bhavsar, of Glendale Heights, broke into the DuPage County residence of a physically handicapped female and waited for her to arrive to attack her.



Bhavsar was convicted Oct. 31, 2003 of residential burglary and aggravated criminal sexual abuse and sentenced to serve six years in prison in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

“Sexual predators are at the top of our list for arrest and removal,” said ICE Field Office Director Debbie Achim, who oversees ICE’s Detention and Removal Operations program for a six-state area. “This individual's crime is particularly heinous and disturbing.”

Bhavsar entered the United States July 9, 1999 as a legal permanent resident. He lost his permanent resident status after he was convicted and was rendered deportable under U.S immigration law.

Chicago ICE deported 6,077 criminal and illegal aliens living in the agency's Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Kansas operational area in fiscal year 2004, an increase of 24 percent over the previous year.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.